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PMU IS NOW RECEIVING THE (APPARENTLY) FORTNIGHTLY IDENTICAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE AND RUSSIAN-LANGUAGES ISSUES OF THE APN PUBLICATION MILITARY BULLETIN (VOYENNY VESTNIK) BY MAIL FROM APN'S LONDON AGENCY. THE TWO LATEST ISSUES--NO. 19, SEPTEMBER 1987 AND NO. 20, OCTOBER 1987 (THE LATTER A SELF-STYLED 'SPECIAL ISSUE')--CONTAIN:

NO. 19:

1--AN ARTICLE (READS MORE LIKE A STATEMENT OR AN ANNOUNCEMENT) BY MARSHAL VIKTOR KULIKOV, WARSAW PACT COMMANDER, WHO CLAIMS THAT NATO'S 'FOFA' STRATEGY POSES A CONTINUING THREAT TO THE WARSAW PACT (400 WORDS);

2--AN ARTICLE BY COL GEN CHERVOV, 'DEPARTMENT HEAD, GENERAL STAFF OF THE USSR ARMED FORCES,' ENTITLED 'U.S. POLICY AROUSES CONCERN' AND ASSERTING THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF SDI AND THE ABM TREATY, SCORING U.S. RESPONSE TO SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVES, ACCUSING U.S. OF SEEKING ONLY AN 'ARMED TRUCE' BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND 'ONLY IN SOME INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF THEIR MILITARY CONFRONTATION' (450 WORDS);

3--AN ARTICLE BY VITALIY ALEKSEYEVSKIY, 'USSR FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPERT,' ENTITLED 'SOVIET STAND OVER SDI TOTALLY CLEAR,' WHICH CONCLUDES: 'TO ENSURE THE PRECISE AND UNIFORM UNDERSTANDING OF ITS PROVISIONS BY THE SIDES, AS THE SOVIET SIDE BELIEVES, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO AGREE ON THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN WHAT ABM WORK THE TREATY ALLOWS AND WHAT IT BANS. AGREEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WOULD ENABLE PROGRESS TOWARD CONCRETE ACCORDS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. SHOULD THE U.S. CHOOSE TO IGNORE EXISTING LIMITATIONS ON ABM SYSTEMS AND TAKE THE ARMS RACE INTO SPACE, THERE WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF AN ACCORD ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS REDUCTION' (350 WORDS);

4--AN ARTICLE BY LT COL ALEKSEY PRIKHODCHENKO, 'SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE OF THE SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTRY'S INSTITUTE OF WAR HISTORY,' ENTITLED 'JAPAN'S MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN PERSIAN GULF CAN ONLY UNDERMINE POSITIONS OF JAPANESE BUSINESS' (450 WORDS);

5--AN ARTICLE BY COL VYACHESLAV SOLOVYEV, 'CHIEF OF THE PLANT FOR DESTROYING CHEMICAL AMMUNITION IN THE CITY OF CHAPAYEVSK,' ENTITLED 'WE WILL BE THE FIRST AMONG MILITARY TO USE OUR KNOWLEDGE FOR DISARMAMENT' ON THE OPERATION OF 'THIS UNIQUE ENTERPRISE' (200

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~~FORWARDED BY A COMMENT BY COL GEN VLADIMIR PIKALOV,~~
"CHIEF OF THE CHEMICAL TROOPS OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE," ON
THE SOVIET DECISION TO ALLOW FOREIGN EXPERTS TO VISIT THE PLANT
NEAR CHAPAYEVSK (200 WORDS);

6--"FRAGMENTS" FROM THE WRITER KONSTANTIN SIMONOV'S NOTES ON
CONVERSATIONS WITH MARSHAL GEORGIY ZHUKOV, CITING THE SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY WHICH ZHUKOV CLAIMS STALIN, MOLOTOV, MALENKOV, AND
KAGANOVICH BEAR "IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREWAR SITUATION AND THE
BEGINNING OF THE WAR" AND RELATED ISSUES (800 WORDS).

NO. 20:

"FIRST PUBLICATION" OF MORE SIMONOV NOTES ON CONVERSATIONS WITH
ZHUKOV, GIVING ZHUKOV'S EVOLVING PERCEPTION OF STALIN AS WWII
PROGRESSED (3000 WORDS).

ON THE BASIS OF THIS ADMITTEDLY LIMITED SAMPLE IT APPEARS THAT
THE PUBLICATION MAY ESSENTIALLY PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR HIGH-RANKING
MILITARY LEADERS TO REITERATE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED AS
SOVIET POLICY ON THE MAJOR MILITARY-POLITICAL ISSUES OF THE DAY.
THERE IS A CERTAIN SENSE OF DEJA VU ABOUT THE KULIKOV AND CHERVOV
PIECES WHICH MAKES THE SIMONOV "NOTES" A MUCH MORE INTERESTING
READ! WILL FILE THE KULIKOV, CHERVOV, AND ALEKSEYEVSKIY ITEMS.

SUGGEST FOLLOWING SOURCELINE:
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